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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1435

INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

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CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIPLN XA (ROCKEFELLER, NELSON)

SSUBJ: REPORTED PLANS FOR VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER TO
VISIT AFRICA

1. FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY TRAND FOURIE CALLED AMBASSADOR
(IN PRETORIA THIS WEEK FOR FAREWELL CALLS) FROM CAPE TOWN
THIS MORNING TO ASK
ON BEHALF OF FONMIN WHAT INFORMATION EMBASSY
HAD ABOUT POSSIBLE VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA BY VICE PRESIDENT
NELSON ROCKEFELLER.

2. YESTERDAY TWO AFRIKAANS LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER (DIE BEELD IN
JOHANNESBURG AND DIE BURGER IN CAPE TOWN) CARRIED WASHINGTON
DATELINED ARTICLE TO EFFECT THAT USG IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING
POSSIBILITY OF A TRIP TO AFRICA BY VICE PRESIDENT AND THAT VISIT
MIGHT POSSIBLY INCLUDE A VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA. ARTICLE
CITES INFORMED DEPARTMENT SOURCES AS SAYING NO FIRM PLANS
EXIST AND TRIP IS ONLY POSSIBILITY AT THIS STAGE. NOTING
PROBABLE OPPOSITION OF BLACK CAUCUS AND OTHER GROUPS, ARTICLE
COMMENTS THAT FOR SUCH VISIT EVEN TO BE CONSIDERED REPRESENTS
CHANGE ON PART OF DEPARTMENT ATTITUDE TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA.

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3. AMBASSADOR INFORMED FOURIER THAT EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED NO WORD ABOUT SUCH TRIP BEING PLANNED. ADDED THAT IN NORMAL COURSE OF EVENTS WE WOULD EXPECT TO BE ASKED TO APPROACH POTENTIAL HOST GOVERNMENT BEFORE ANY DEFINITE PLANS WERE MADE.

4. SABC ALSO ASKED EMBASSY ABOUT THE PRESS REPORT TO WHICH WE SIMPLY REPLIED THAT WE HAD NO INFORMATION ON SUBJECT.
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